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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1907.

SANITARY LAWS AND THE
CHINESE.

ADMINISTRATION in a Colony with such a mixed population as that of Hongkong is of necessity difficult. Although, we understand, notifications which affect householders generally are published in Chinese as well as English this only partially meets the necessities of the case. As is well known notices have often to be served upon Chinese, by direction of the Sanitary Board, ordering certain things to be done or left undone. These notices being in Chinese are readily apprehended by the recipients but difficult immediately arises when they wish to enter into communication with the Board on the subject. If information is desired on some point which is obscure, or extensions of time to perform certain work, or amendments or exemptions are sought to be obtained the Chinese are in a quandary. Such applications must necessarily be in writing but it is safe to assume that nine hundred and ninety nine out of a thousand of the Chinese desiring to communicate with the Board are incapable of doing so. There appears to be no regular channel of communication by means of which they can present their side of a case or gain required information. Something should be done by the Government to meet this difficulty. We know that this is no time to advocate the expenditure of money unnecessarily, but, on the other hand, we believe that any time is opportune for advocating the redress of a genuine grievance. No very great expense would be involved to the Government if it provided facilities for the Chinese to have their requests and applications laid before the Board. All that would be required would be a kind of Inquiry or Information Office where Chinese could attend and explain their requirements and applications. These could be taken down, translated and duly laid before the Secretary of the Board. It may be urged that the duty of the Government ceases when it sends out its notices, but we think that this is rather a harsh view to take of the matter. Some consideration should be given to the fact that the majority of our Chinese fellow citizens, through no fault of their own, are less fortunately circumstanced than are Europeans. It is certainly a hardship that they cannot obtain access to information, or present applications, as readily as the fortunate minority. Of course this is a British Colony and English must be the official language, but regard should be had for the fact that, for many generations to come, the bulk of the population will have little or no knowledge of it. Recognition of that fact would, we believe, allow a good deal of the antagonism with which the Chinese regard the regulations framed by their rulers. In the new Sanitary Ordinances it is to be hoped that some attempt has been made to meet this difficulty.

It is well known that many of the steam launches that ply in the inland waters of the Canton delta, whether they tow passenger boats or run only in their own interests, fly the British flag. One of the practical results of the present disturbance touches this question, for we understand that the gunboats that have recently entered the waters to police the rivers are not allowed to interfere with ships flying the Dragon flag. This has given an opportunity to patriots to agitate on this question and they are trying their level best to induce the owners of these launches to replace the British flag by substituting their own. This action on the part of those who are guiding the present agitation has called forth a defence by those who use the foreign flag, and an explanation as to the reason why this usage has been adopted. In a word, then, it is the rules and circumstances which the Chinese Provincial Government have imposed upon those who fly the Chinese flag that have led to the common usage. Irritating restrictions have been imposed and even then there is no certainty whether the rules will be kept or not, and therefore in order to avoid these difficulties, recourse has been had to the present way of doing things. It appears, however, that one result of this disturbance is that promises have been given by the Provincial authorities that they will see to it that these difficulties shall be lessened if not removed altogether. Meanwhile, the whole question is full of interest, and no doubt the result will be that some arrangement will be made whereby those who sincerely wish to fly the flag of China will be encouraged to do so. Although many of these launches fly the foreign flag it appears that between a hundred and forty and a hundred and fifty stick to the flag of China. It is interesting to note, however, in relation to this matter that, at present, more than thirty are held up, waiting to be examined, and supplied with their permits, and as these matters are carried through very slowly it appears that time and money are wasted if they fly the native flag. The assumption is that if they fly a foreign flag things are put through more expeditiously, and therefore business, as in so many other cases with the Chinese, comes before patriotism. It is likely, however, that the present agitation will lead to changes.

The Association of Merchants in Canton for self-government has just sent a very significant telegram to the several authorities at Peking. It was sent severally to the Privy Council, the Foreign Office, the Board of War, the Bureau of Internal Communication, the Board of Self-government, and to the Board of Law. Of course it referred to the present condition of affairs on the West River. After mentioning the presence of British ships thereon and the proclamations of the Viceroy intimating to the people that they are to keep quiet, the telegram says the anger of the entire mass of people is greatly roused and there is no means of suppressing it. The business and shipping firms are enraged and all have decided to hoist anew the Chinese Dragon flag, and so we have founded a Union to protect ourselves. In the province of Canton, only the Viceroy and the Admiral have the right to exercise power, and therefore we resolutely affirm that no outsider has any right to interfere with our military affairs, or to attempt to police and patrol our rivers. We therefore beseech you to urge the British gunboats to immediately retract their steps, and return from these inland waters. The whole of the districts have united in this appeal. If this is not done, there will be calamity and revolution coming. The great Boards at Peking must indeed arrange this matter. For goodness sake do not throw the responsibility on the people living along the waters of the West River—being Yang Leaders. The Yang tribes were a fierce tribe who lived on the North of China Proper and in the old days were mighty warriors and did a great deal of harm to the Chinese empire, and were at all times greatly feared. We, the Seventy Two Hongs, send on this appeal! It will be seen from this telegram that feelings are deeply moved. Of course some thing must be done to protect the Chinese custom of using strong language, and poetic language whenever possible; but when all allowances have been made, it must be seen that the feelings of those who are watching affairs are

stirred rather deeply; more deeply in fact than they have appeared to have been affected for some time. The language used is certainly much more indignant than that employed at the time of the American boycott. Will it end in smoke or fire?

In a leading article on December 10 a Straits contemporary adopts rather a singular attitude apropos the question of the military contribution. The attitude taken up is singular by reason of its apparent inconsistency. In the first portion of the article our contemporary says: "We have no doubt that a simultaneous resolution by the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Councils of Singapore and Hongkong and a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the time Parliament is sitting would have the desired effect of forcing the question upon the Imperial authorities." But in concluding its references to the subject the paper says: "Although there may be opportunities of co-operating with Hongkong, we hope the Unofficials will guard against combined action if it is likely to endanger this Colony's success." These sentences are contradictory. Apart from that we are glad to learn that the justice of the protest against the military contribution is being recognised by the Home Press. We are convinced that if the matter was fairly placed before the British public it would cordially agree that it is entirely inequitable to oppress Crown Colonists simply because they are helpless. As we have shown before self governing Colonies themselves fix the contribution that they make to the defence of the Empire. The people of the United Kingdom, through their Parliamentary representatives, determine what their share shall be. It is only the unfortunate Crown Colonist who is compelled to pay the piper while being disallowed any voice in the selection of the tune. The sense of justice of the British people has only to be appealed to to secure a reduction of the iniquitous impost which bears so heavily upon us and our fellow Crown Colonists down South.

All that is required is to make our grievance properly known. In our opinion the best method of doing this is by joint action by two communities. Our interests lie in precisely the same direction and if we simultaneously laid the case before the Imperial Parliament we think that redress would be granted the sooner. If Singapore took the advice of our contemporary it would probably have to remain content with listening to its voice echoing in the wilderness of red tape for a long time. Resolutions, similar in nature, condemning the military imposition and setting out the arguments against its continuance in its present form, should be sent by the Unofficial Members of the two Legislative Councils, the Chambers of Commerce, and every public and semi-public body in the Straits and in Hongkong. In this way alone is any immediate relief likely to be secured.

The prize-giving at St. Joseph's College will take place on 3rd January. His Excellency the Governor has kindly promised to distribute the prizes.

E. S. Kadoorie and Co. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Shanghai informing them that the Oriental Consolidated Gold Mining Co. Ltd. have declared a dividend of 60 cents (gold) per share.

Station leave of absence has been granted to Lieut.-Colonel and Bt.-Colonel F. E. Kent, R.G.A., from 23rd to 29th December, 1907, and to Major L. H. Parry, R.G.A., from 23rd December, 1907, to 5th January, 1908.

During the Christmas holidays the Headquarters Offices will be closed from Tuesday, 24th instant, to Thursday, 26th instant, inclusive, except for business of an urgent nature. The schools in Garrison will be closed from 21st instant to 5th proximo, inclusive, in accordance with paragraph 19 Army School Regulations.

This evening there will be an inter-debate between the Y.M.C.A. and the U.C.L.C. at the latter's rooms in Kennedy Road, commencing at 9 p.m. sharp. The following motion will be put before the meeting:—"That the interests of the Hongkong public would be better served if the Government owned and controlled the public utilities such as 'trams, telephones, electric and gas light plants, &c.'" The chair will be taken by the Rev. C. H. Hickling.

A careless cigarette-smoker was responsible for a big hotel fire at Newhaven, Connecticut, in which five employees were suffocated, while another broke his neck while trying to slide down a rope into the street. Conspicuous among the rescuers were four Japanese students from Yokohama who had arrived to visit the Japanese colony at Yale. They seemed to know instinctively what to do, and ruined their clothing in forcing their way through the burning rooms to rescue the guests.

Court calends and bits of secret history of the kind treated of by writers like the elder Disraeli are always more attractive than edifying. For certain classes of minds they exercise a powerful fascination, and the rule probably is that stories of the type told in *Curiosities of Literature* lose little or nothing in the telling. Of these persons, incidents, and events that form their subjects, readers of the native press in China are likely to be reminded by the Court gossip from Peking which appears to be freely retailed in the provinces most remote from the Capital. Probably no other newspaper utterances are more eagerly read, and we question if any are calculated to leave a more abiding impression on the Chinese mind, rendered susceptible as it is by the many startling changes and movements of the new era. The two great statesmen Yuan Shih Kai and Chang Chih Tung are actors of extraordinary and well-nigh universal interest, not only at the seat of Government but also in all the provinces. Their policies in the highest affairs of state are said to clash. They represent opposing forces, and on the ascendancy of the one or the other in the Imperial Councils questions of the highest moment vital to the administration of the Empire are declared to depend.

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FOOCHOW RACES.

THIRD DAY—Dec. 18.

Following are the results of the racing: The Crows Cup.—One mile and a quarter. Captain Hope's Ian. The Ladies' Purse.—Three quarters of a mile. Captain Hope's Ian. The Criterion Stakes.—One Mile. Captain Hope's Spots. The Consolation Stakes.—One mile. Captain Hope's Ian. The Manchu Stakes.—One round. Mr Oswald's Leonius. The Champion Stakes.—One mile and a quarter. Mr Min's Corrie. The Ledger Cup.—Three quarters of a mile. Mr Dixy's Salmon.

A STEAMER SEIZED.

The steamer Wing Chai, well-known as the Macao boat, has been seized by the Court under three writs in Admiralty. One writ was issued by the mortgagee, one by a firm of builders and one by a firm of blacksmiths.

A SOLICITOR ADMITTED.

Mr P. S. Dixon was this morning admitted as a proctor and solicitor of the Supreme Court on the application of the Hon. Mr H. E. Pollock. The Chief Justice welcomed Mr Dixon to the ever increasing roll of solicitors. Mr Dixon joins Mr R. A. Harding.

NEW TUG FOR SINGAPORE.

Successful Speed Trials.

This morning a new composite steel tugboat, built by the Dock Company for the Hamburg-America Co.'s Singapore office, underwent her speed trials. The outcome was highly satisfactory, the tug making half-a-knot over her contract speed of 10 knots per hour. The boat was built under the supervision of Capt. Douglas, of Messrs Goddard and Douglas and is a powerful little vessel. She will proceed to Singapore under her own steam, and preparations for the journey are now being made.

The tug has been christened the Hapag and her dimensions are: Length between perpendiculars 75 feet, breadth (extreme) 15 feet, depth (moulded), 8 feet. The boat was built at the Cosmopolitan Dock and shows considerable care in construction.

THE BANDMANN'S.

Last night "The Earl of Pawtucket" was played by the Bandmann Comedy Company but though the audience derived great enjoyment it would be unwise for us to congratulate the company on the production. They have played so well in other places that it would be distinctly injurious were new comers allowed to judge them by last night's effort. In comparison with other places it was played badly. Not one of the members was line-sure, and as a result "Mr Prompter" had scope that is seldom afforded him. Usually he is expected to observe discreet silence whilst hidden under some shady wing, but he made up for lost opportunities last night by holding forth in tones that could be heard distinctly in the most remote parts of the Theatre. It was not his fault. The members who are usually remarkably correct in their lines failed many times to pick up the cue and the result was frequent interruption in the run-of-the-piece. However, though the performance was marred by the lack of rehearsal, the company is to be forgiven. It is a task for a mental Hercules to play a different piece every night, and it is indeed surprising that it is only once in a while that this capable combination is found tripping. In view of this we do not desire to assist in creating a wrong impression by saying "The Earl of Pawtucket" was a theatrical success. It was not. To-night the company play "The Christian," and will no doubt present this latest success with the verve that is characteristic of them. On Friday, their last night, they give the "Moral of Marcus."

TWO-TYPOONS.

The U.S. Consulate General has received the following cable from the Manila Observatory: "December 18, 1907, at 4.15 p.m. Typhoon near Eastern Visayas; another typhoon south Yap western Carolines." LATER "December 19, 1907, at 9 a.m. Typhoon about 13-1st between 122 and 123 long, moving W. N.W."

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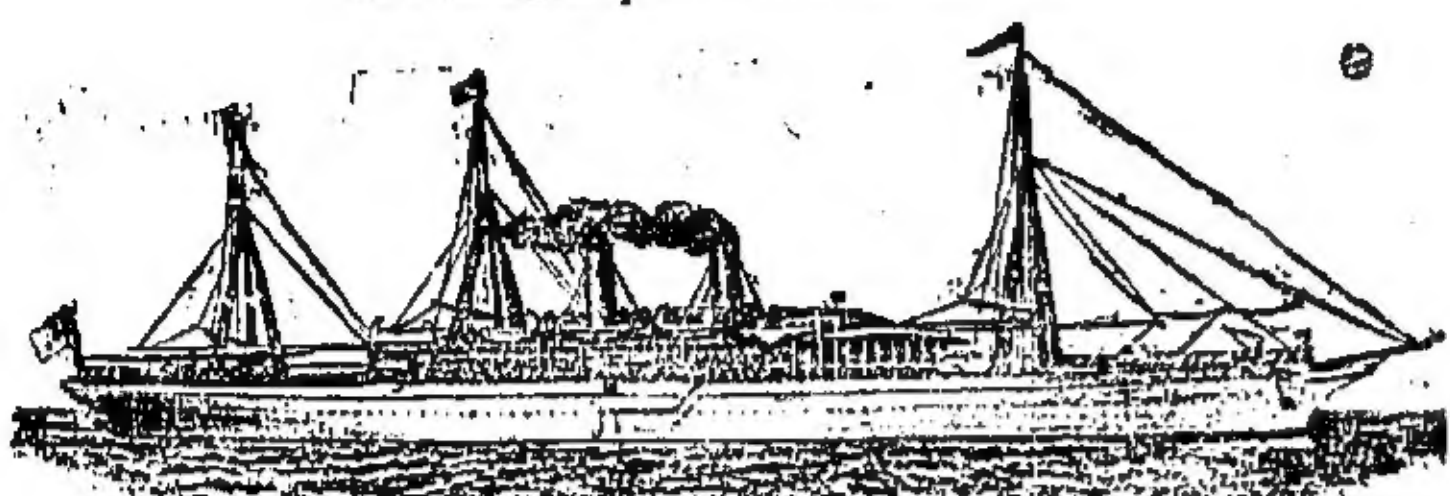
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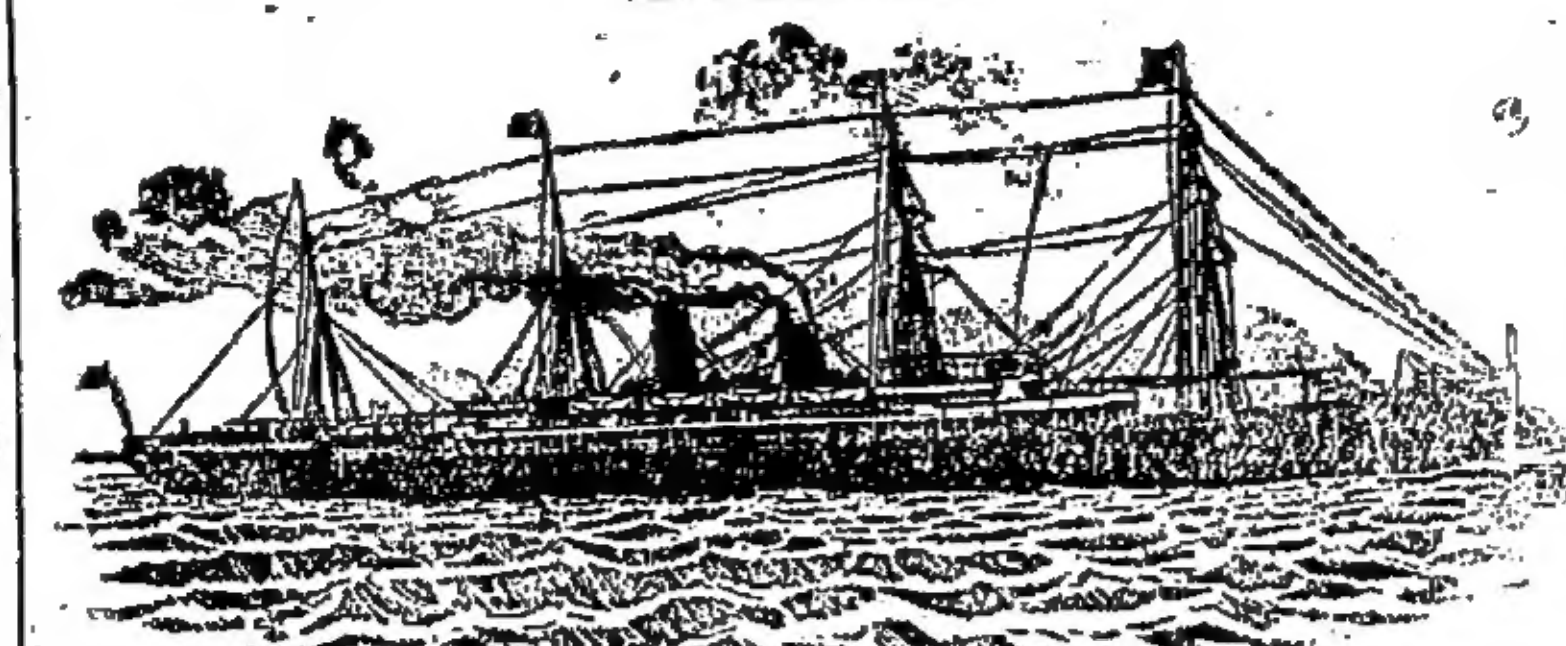
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THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 5 p.m.

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Hongkong, August 6, 1907.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1907. 1931

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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J. MILLET, Agent.

Hongkong, December 16, 1907. 1934

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This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

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Hongkong, November 29, 1907. 1894

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PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS FOR
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TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
to	Hongkong	from Colombo to	Marseilles (2 days earlier)	London (1 day later)
DELTA	Dec. 28	INDIA	Jan. 25	Feb. 1
DELHI	Jan. 11, 1908	MONGOLIA	Feb. 8	Feb. 15
ARADIA	Feb. 25	VICTORIA	Feb. 22	Feb. 29
PENINSULAR	Mar. 8	MACDONALD	Mar. 5	Mar. 12
DEVANHA	Mar. 22	BRITANNIA	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
DELTA	Mar. 29	MOULTAN	Mar. 26	Apr. 2
MARMORA	Apr. 12	(through steamer)	Apr. 9	Apr. 16
DELHI	Apr. 26	(calling at Bombay)	Apr. 23	Apr. 30
MAITA	May 10	HIMALAYA	May 7	May 14
DEVANHA	May 24	MONGOLIA	May 21	May 28
COBANA	May 31	INDIA	May 28	June 4

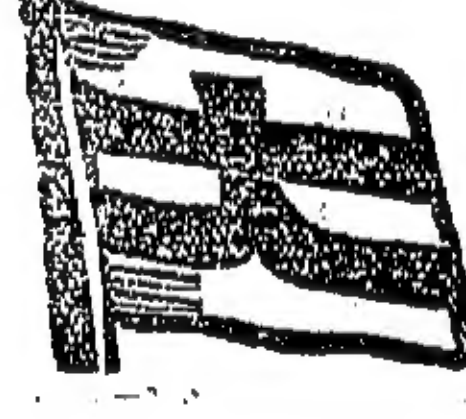
Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.
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In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-
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from Hongkong	about	about
* NYANZA	Jan. 1 (1908)	Feb. 17
* NILE	Jan. 15	Feb. 21
* SUNDA	Jan. 29	Mar. 5
* PALAWAN	Feb. 12	Mar. 18
* NUBIA	Feb. 26	Mar. 31
* BOBINO	Mar. 12	Apr. 14
* KORE	Mar. 26	May 6
* SUMATRA	Apr. 9	May 20

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

THE CO.'S S.S.	For	Leaving
* DAIJIN MARU.	TAMSUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	SUNDAY, 22nd Dec., at 9 a.m.

* These Steamers have excellent Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Saloon Antiships. Unvalued Table.
* Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.
For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
T. ARIMA, Manager.

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BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
* KUMERIC	6232	Cowley	28th January, 1908
* SEAWIND	5608	E. V. Roberts	21st February
* TREMONT	5608	T. W. Garlick	17th March
* SUVERIC	6232	W. Shotton	9th April

* Cargo only. * Passenger accommodation.
CHEAP FARES EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION ATTENDANCE AND
CUISINE ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.
* The Twin-screw s.s. Seawind and Tremont are fitted with very superior
Accommodation for First and Second-Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels
enables them to sail in winter. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry.
Cargo carried in cold storage.
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FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and calling through
Oporto to Adelaide, New Zealand,
Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship
ALDENHAM,
Captain St. JOHN GEORGE, will be de-
parting as above on SATURDAY, the 28th
inst., at Noon.
This well-known Steamer is specially
fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerat-
ing Chamber, which ensures the supply of
Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the
voyage.
The Steamer is installed throughout with
Electric Light.
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Sur-
geon are carried.
N.B.-To ensure the additional comfort
of passengers the steamers of the Company
have electric fans fitted in the saloons.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 6, 1907. 1939

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG
AND CALLAO AND IQUIQUE,
via JAPAN PORTS.

THE Steamship
KATSELINE PARK, 5000 tons,
will be despatched for Callao and Iquique,
via Japan Ports (Kobe and Yokohama)
on SATURDAY, the 28th inst., at
Noon.
KASATO MARU, 6100 tons, will be de-
parted hence for Callao, Iquique,
via Japan Ports, sometime in
March, 1908.
Taking Freight and Passengers to other
Eastern and Western Coast Ports of South
America in connection with steamers of the
Pacific S.N. Co.
The above steamers have splendid accom-
modation and are fitted throughout with
Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon
is carried on each boat.
K. MATSUDA, Manager,
Yokohama, Japan.
Hongkong, April 15, 1907. 612

Notices to Consignees.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
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having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
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ables, are being landed and stored at their
risk into the hazardous and/or extra haz-
ardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.
Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence
delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all goods
remaining undelivered after the 23rd of
December, will be subject to rent.
All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 23rd of December,
at 9.30 a.m.
All Claims must reach us before the 27th
of December, or they will not be recog-
nized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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Hongkong, December 17, 1907. 1939

'REN' LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP BENLARIO.
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-
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and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, whence delivery may be
obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all goods
remaining undelivered after the 24th inst.,
will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 31st inst., or they will not be recog-
nized.
All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 24th inst., at
11 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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A STRAITS DIVORCE.

In the London Divorce Court Damages
were agreed at £125, to be paid in
quarterly instalments by Mr. Francis
William Douglas, an official in the service
of the Federated Malay States, in respect
of his misconduct with Mrs. Violet Eleanor
Jane Faithfull, wife of Mr. Ferdinand
Fortescue Faithfull, an engineer in the
Malay States. The lady had been divorced
from her former husband, and the
petitioner (who had nothing to do with the
former suit) met her in London
during the proceedings. She went out
to Singapore when the decree was made
absolute, and he was married to her the
next day. They lived happily in the
East till 1904, when she said that her
health was affected, and insisted on return-
ing to England. The petitioner tried to
dissuade her, but failed. He then allowed
her £10 a month, which she said was
sufficient. He afterwards received the
following from her, addressed from
Zenobia Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens:-
"This is to tell you that when you receive
this I shall have left you and shall be
living with Mr. Douglas in his flat here. So
do not trouble to send me any more
money." Violet. The judge granted a
decree nisi, and the jury assessed the
damages at the agreed sum.

KOREA'S FINANCES.

Heavy Deficit Foreshadowed.

The "Seoul Press" states that, accord-
ing to a Japanese paper published in Korea,
the Budget of the Korean Government for
the current year is expected to show a con-
siderable excess in expenditure. The total
receipts for the year were originally estimat-
ed at ¥13,189,000 and the expenditure at
¥13,963,000 indicating a deficiency of
¥774,000. The situation was made more
serious by the uprising in the interior. The
receipts have so far shown a shortage of
some ¥1,200,000 while the expenditure
has swollen unexpectedly. The Reserve
Fund, we are told, has already been
exhausted and the excess in expenditure
will amount to nearly three million
yen at the end of this year. Under these
circumstances, it is estimated that the last
day of the current fiscal year will see a
deficiency of about ¥4,770,000. The
Customs receipts are said to promise to
show an excess of 800,000, or ¥900,000,
and there may be balances more or less in
the different departments. But these at
best will scarcely amount to figures large
enough to make good half the deficiency.
It is believed that the Korean Government
will have no recourse but to avail itself
of the receipts of the next fiscal year as far
as may be and then resort to Japan to
meet the remaining deficit.

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HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, December 12th, 1907.
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Best sirloin & prime cut—Mal Lung Pa	lb 20
" Corned—Ham Ngan Yuk	" 20
" Roset—Shiu	" 20
" Breast—Ngan Lam	" 15
" Soup—Tong Yuk	" 18
" Steak—Ngan Yuk Pa	" 20
" Canton Ngan Lan Sirloin	" 30
" Sausages—Ngan Cheung	" 26
Bullock's Brain—Slow	per set 10
" Tongue—Ngan T'ai	each 60
" Corned—Ham Ngan Id	" 65
" Head—Ngan Tan	" 80
" Heart—Ngan Sun	" 12
" Ham—Ngan Kiu	" 20
" Feet—Ngan Kerk	" 7
" Kidneys—Ngan Yiu	" 10
" Tail—Ngan Mei	" 17
" Liver—Ngan Con	" 12
" Tripe—(addressed)—Ngan To	" 1
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngan-chai-tai-kak	set 1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Pal Kwat	" 12
" Leg—Young Poi	" 24
" Shoulder—Young Shay	" 12
Pigs' Chittings—Chi chong	" 24
" Brains—Chi Know	per set 2
" Feet—Chi Kerk	" 12
" Fry—Chi Chak	" 26
" Head—Chi Tan	" 22
" Heart—Chi Sun	each 10
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu	" 10
" Liver—Chi Con	" 12
Pork Chop—Chi Pal Kwat	" 24
" Corned—Ham Chiu Yuk	" 12
" Leg—Chi Pal	" 24
" Fat or Lard—Chi Yau	" 10
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Tan Kerk	set 55
" Heart—Young Sun	each 5
" Kidneys—Young Yiu	" 10
" Liver—Young Con	" 12
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chi Chai	" 22
Suet, Best—Sung Ngan Yau	" 16
" Mutton—Sung Young Yau	" 24
Veal—Ngan Chai Yuk	" 20
" Sausages—Ngan Chai Cheong	" 20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	lb 28
Gospen, Large, Small—Siu Kai	" 28
Ducks—A	" 22
Doves—Pan Kau	each 15
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per dozen 22
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb 30
" Hainan—Hot Nam Kai	" 26
Geese—Ngai	" 22
Goose, Wild Shot—Shi Yee Ngai	pair 1
Musk Deer—Wong Keng	each 1
Hare, Shanghai—Tui Chai	" 60
Partridge—Chi Kau	" 65
" Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair \$1.80
Pigeons, Canton—Fak Kip	" 30
" Hollow—Hot How Fak Kip	" 28
Quail—Um Chiu	" 18
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk	" 22
Snipe—Sa Choy	each 22
Turkeys, Cook—Phor Kai Kung	" 66
" Hen—Na	" 45
Wild Ducks, Shot—Shanghai Salap	pair 1
" Sui Ap Chai	" 55
Wild Ducks Canton—Sung Shing Sui Ap	pair \$1.00

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb 11
Bream—Bin Yu	" 13
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hot Sui Yp	" 14
Carp—Li Yu	" 15
Catfish—Chik Yu	" 11
Codfish—Mun Yu	" 24
Croaker—Hal	" 18
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	" 13
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	" 12
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	" 12
Dog Fish—Tui To Sa	" 8
Eels, Conger—Hal Mann	" 14
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	" 24
Frog—Ten Kai	" 48
Garoupa—Sok Pan	" 12
Gudgeon—Fak Kip Yu	" 22
Herring—Tui Pak	" 22
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kip	" 22
Labrus—Wong Yu Yu	" 18
Loach—Wu Yu	" 28
Lobsters—Lung Yu	" 30
Mackerel—Chi Yu	" 16
Mud Fish—Mong Yu	" 24
Mullet—Chai Yu	" 22
Oyster—Sung Hoo	" 20
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	" 15
Perch—Tui Loo	" 14
Pike—Fai Pau Pong	" 9
Plaice—Pai Yu	" 18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	" 22
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong	" 28
Prawn—Ming Ha	" 8
Ray—Pai Pa	" 4
Rock Fish—Sok Kiu Kung	" 14
Sardine—Chi Yu	" 28

Meat.

Salmon—Ma Yau Yu	lb 32
Shark—Sa Yu	" 9
Skate—Po Yu	" 10
Shrimps—Ha	" 24
Snapper—Lap Yu	" 22
Soles—Tui Sa Yu	" 20
Tench—Wan Yu	" 18
Turbot—Cho How Yu	" 20
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kerk Yu	" 60
White Bait—Ngan Yu Chai	" 10

Fruits.

Almonds—Hung Yau	lb 20
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping Khe	" 30
" (Choke)—Tin Ohun Ping Khe	" 18
" Small—Hot Tong	" 18
" Custard—Fan Lai Chi	each 1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing	" 12
" Heung Chiu	" 12
Bananas, (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	" 5
Chestnuts, Chinese—Hoong Lut	" 10
Carambola—Young Tui	" 12
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tui	each 10
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	" 12
" America—Kum San Ning Moong	" 7
Lichests, Dried—Lai Chi Small Stone	" 25
" Fresh	" 12
Limes, (Szechuan)—Sung Ning Moong	" 7
Mango, Manila—Lai Sang Moong	" 100
Mangosteens—San Chuk Tui	" 10
Oranges, (Canton)—San Shing Tin Chong	" 6
Passion Fruit	each 1
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shui Li	" 12
" (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li	" 10
Peanuts—Fa Sang	" 10
Perseimons Large—Hung Chio	" 12
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Sheung Poon Tui	" 10
" 2nd quality—Chung-tang-paw-law	" 8
Pineapples—Tui Chou	" 12
Pineapples, Swatow Hung Lai	" 10
Pumelo, Siam—Chiu Lo Yau	each 10
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	" 12
Walnuts—Hop Tui	" 14
" Green—Sung Hop Tui	" 12
Water Melon—(Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	" 12
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 12
Grape—Sung Po Tai Tui	" 20

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung Hai Ah	" 7
Choi Chuek	" 7

3000 GIRLS WEEP.

An Affecting Scene.

According to the "Japan Times," the girls' department of the Peers' School presented a most affecting spectacle on Wednesday last (Dec. 4) the like of which is described as absolutely unprecedented in the history of the institution or any other girls' school. The teachers and pupils, numbering over 3,000, met to give a farewell to Madam Shimoda, who has recently resigned the post which she has held for the past 20 years. The three thousand fair pupils who assembled in the playground before the function commenced, no sooner beheld Madam Shimoda enter the school compound, than they fell into one tremendous burst of weeping, which all the efforts on the part of the school functionaries could but ill restrain. Madam Shimoda was surrounded and hugged by the girls, who, however, were at last persuaded with great difficulty to go into the upstairs room, where General Nogi, president of the Gakushuin, and the rest of the functionaries, including Mr. Matsunaga, Madam Shimoda's successor, were awaiting the commencement of the service. When Madam Shimoda entered to make her good bye speech another dramatic scene, as might well have been expected, was enacted. The whole audience were absolutely carried away by the irresistible flow of eloquent feminine grief. They wept with an unanimity and intensity which quite surpassed the whole staff of the teachers, not excluding Madam Shimoda, who could scarcely utter anything of what otherwise she would have spoken. One of the pupils was so much affected with lamentations at the idea of parting with Madam Shimoda that she swooned right away, throwing the company into absolute consternation. The "Mandarin" (Princess), which describes the above, sums up the account by declaring that it was altogether a scene quite unparalleled on any previous occasion of a similar nature.

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